

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

CLAIMS 1-3 (CANCELED)

- 4- (NEW) A method for treating a living animal body, including a human, afflicted with a condition associated with gastro-duodenal pain, comprising the step of administering to the living animal body, including a human, an amount of the ditionium salt of 2-[N,N-di(carboxymethyl)amino]-3-cyano-4-carboxymethyl-thiophene-5-carboxylic acid or hydrates thereof which is effective for alleviation of the condition.
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- 5- (NEW) The method of Claim 4, wherein the condition associated with gastro-duodenal pain is gastritis.
- 6- (NEW) The method of Claim 4, wherein the condition associated with gastro-duodenal pain is duodenitis.
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